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1. SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE IN SECURITY COUNCIL --

IN CONSULTATIONS WITH SC MEMBERS WHILE THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS SUSPENDED, PRESIDENT JAIPAL (INDIA) PRESENTED A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION CALLING ONLY FOR A CHAPTER VII ARMS EMBARGO (TEXT OF PROPOSAL IDENTICAL TO LATER CANADA/FRG RESOLUTION MINUS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE). AFRICAN MEMBERS INSISTED ON TIME TO STUDY IT, AND THE WESTERN FIVE WITHDREW TO CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES. THE FIVE AGREED THEY COULD NOT ALLOW THE SESSION TO ADJOURN WITHOUT AT LEAST FORMALLY TABLING MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO RESOLUTION AND AGREED TO ADD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE TO THE PRESIDENT'S DRAFT AND THAT CANADA AND FRG WOULD SPONSOR IT ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE. AFRICANS REMAINED INSISTENT THAT THERE COULD NOT BE VOTE AT THAT MEETING, AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, SOME BITTERLY, THAT WESTERN DRAFT STILL FELL SHORT OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS. AFRICANS REMAIN UNIMPRESSED WITH WESTERN FIVE'S AGREEMENT TO A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO, EVEN THOUGH THE CANADA/FRG DRAFT OMITTS MOST OF WHAT THEY FOUND OBJECTIONABLE IN THE ORIGINAL WESTERN DRAFT. AFRICANS ARE ALSO ANGRY BUT RESIGNED TO FAILURE OF WEST TO AGREE TO ECONOMIC AND NUCLEAR SANCTIONS AT THIS TIME. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4230)

2. AIRCRAFT HIJACKING --

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AFRICAN GROUP MET OCT. 31 TO DISCUSS ACCEPTANCE OF TEXT ALREADY ACCEPTED BY SYRIA ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN GROUP. ALGERIA IS LEADING DRIVE WITHIN ARAB GROUP TO INSIST ON INSERTING LANGUAGE EXEMPTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HAVING DELAYED MATTER OVER THE WEEKEND, THUS FACILITATING POSSIBLE UNRAVELLING PROCESS, SOVIETS INDICATE THEY CAN GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER IS ACCEPTABLE TO REST OF COMMITTEE. CO-SPONSORS HAVE DECIDED PRESS MATTER TO VOTE IF NECESSARY NOV. 1 RATHER THAN HAVE FURTHER DELAYS ERODE WHAT LITTLE SENSE OF URGENCY REMAINS. WE HAVE INFORMED CO-SPONSORS WE COULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA) DRAFT RESOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4207)

3. RESTRUCTURING AND DIRECTOR GENERAL ISSUE --

FRENCH MISSION COUNSELOR GAVE USDEL TEXT OF LATEST COMPLETELY NEGATIVE POSITION OF FREHCN PERMREP LECOMTE ON DIRECTOR GENERAL ISSUE. USDEL LEARNED GERMANS HAVE PREPARED DRAFT IN RESPONSE TO THE FRENCH TEXT, HAVE GIVEN IT TO THE FRENCH, BUT ARE UNSURE WHETHER EITHER WILL SURFACE IN EC-9 CONSULTATIONS. AMB LEONARD HAS MADE APPOINTMENT WITH SYG WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, PARTICULARLY

PROPOSED DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION. PACE OF WORK IN THE RESTRUCTURING CONTACT GROUP IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING MEETING SPACE. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 4200, 4201, 4202, 4203)

4. ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM --

AMB TURKMEN (TURKEY) CONFIRMED HE WILL REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM UNDER RULE 81. DURING MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE IN SEPT. HE OBJECTED TO HANDLING OF ITEM (ALLOCATED TO PLENARY WITH PRIOR HEARING OF TWO COMMUNITIES IN SPC) ON GROUNDS TWO COMMUNITIES WERE EQUAL; SPC MEETINGS PROVIDED ONLY PERFUNCTORY OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING THE COMMUNITIES; AND PROCEDURE GAVE GREEK COMMUNITY DOUBLE CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN4225)

5. DISARMAMENT ITEMS --

USUN HAS RECEIVED (ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS) NEW ZEALAND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) WHICH REFLECTS COMPROMISE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND MEXICO FORMULATIONS BUT DOES NOT INCORPORATE ANY LANGUAGE FROM SOVIET CTB RESOLUTION. NEW ZEALAND DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT "CONDEMN" CONTINUED TESTING OUTRIGHT, BUT RATHER "REITERATES ITS GRAVE CONCERN THAT IN SPITE OF THE GA'S REPEATED CONDEMNATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING..."; URGES THREE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES EXPEDITE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AND TRANSMIT RESULTS TO CCD "NO LATER THAN ITS SPRING SESSION"; REQUESTS CCD TAKE UP QUESTION WITH VIEW TO COMPLETING DRAFT TREATY FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION BY THE SPECIAL SESSION; CALLS FOR ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND TESTING FOR AN AGREED PERIOD PENDING CONCLUSION OF A CTBT; AND URGES THE THREE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES "AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS" TAKE THE LEAD IN INITIATING SUCH AN INTERIM SUSPENSION.

USUN HAS ALSO RECEIVED SOVIET DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CTB. AMB FISHER MET WITH AMB ISSRAEL YAN (USSR) AND EXPRESSED STRONG ADVERSE REACTION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE LANGUAGE DEALING WITH "GREAT IMPORTANCE" OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNE'S). US VIEW IS ANY ATTEMPT GAIN SUPPORT FOR SOVIET POSITION IN UN FORA WOULD NOT HELP TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB AND COULD ONLY BE SEVERELY DETRIMENTAL. ISSRAEL YAN SAID "GREAT NUMBER" OF DELEGATIONS ARE SYMPATHETIC TO SOVIET IDEAS ON PNE'S AND SUPPORT PARAGRAPH FIVE LANGUAGE AND RESOLUTION IN GENERAL. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4219, 4221)

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6. IAEA DRAFT RESOLUTION --

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IAEA REPORT, INCORPORATING US CHANGES
IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE, PLUS OTHER CHANGES REQUESTED
BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS TABLED OCT. 31 IN COMMITTEE 1.
IAEA CONSIDERS CHANGES DESIRED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ACCEPTABLE AND THEY WERE RECEIVED BY FRG WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.
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7. ILO MEMBERSHIP --

SYG WALDHEIM SENT LETTER TO PRES CARTER OCT. 31 EXPRESSING
CONCERN REGARDING POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO. US
WITHDRAWAL WOULD DO INCALCULABLE DAMAGE TO ILO AND SERIOUSLY
UNDERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN. GREATEST IMPACT WOULD
BE ON THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AS A
WHOLE SINCE PROGRAMS OF VARIOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED. A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN SUPPORT FOR
ONE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS ON OTHER AGENCIES. (LIMITED
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8. REPORT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL --

FRG IS PLANNING TO MAKE TWO "TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS" AND TO PROPOSE ONE ADDITION TO EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IFAD. EGYPTIANS RECEPTIVE TO THE TWO TECHNICAL POINTS BUT HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH PROPOSED ADDITION, WHICH FRG ADVISES IS DIRECTED AT PUTTING SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIALIST STATES NOT PARTICIPATING IN IFAD. FRG REPS STATE, SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH BONN, THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR WITH EGYPT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 4199)

9. TORTURE INITIATIVE AND HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH COMMISSIONER --

MISOFF DISCUSSED WITH REPS FROM NETHERLANDS, ITALY, AND NORWAY STRATEGY ON TORTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER. ALL THREE REPS NOW BELIEVE THAT, IN SPITE OF DOUBTS OF AUSTRALIAN REP (WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT),HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL SHOULD BE TABLED AND PUSHED TO A VOTE, AS IT PROBABLY HAS A BETTER CHANCE THIS YEAR THAN NEXT. KEY QUESTION IS, HOW MANY AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS CAN BE GAINED IN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 4227)

10. PROPOSED NOTE TO CHILE --

USYG BUFFUM WAS PLEASED WITH TEXT OF PROPOSED NOTE TO CHILE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT US ACTION AWAIT HIS INTERVIEW WITH UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY WHO IS DUE TO RETURN FROM CHILE NOV. 1. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4216)

11. BANGLADESH CANDIDACY UN BOARD OF AUDITORS --

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NOTE FROM BANGLADESH HAS OFFERED OSMAN GHANI KHAN, COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF BANGLADESH, AS CANDIATE FOR SEAT ON UN BOARD OF AUDITORS WHICH WILL FALL VACANT IN JUNE 1978. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 4214)

12. DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT OFFICES --

ON OCT. 31, 25 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY CONDUCTED A "CEREMONY OF EXORCISM" IN FRONT OF AEROFLOT OFFICES TO "DRIVE THE DYBBUK (EVIL SPIRIT)OF ANTI-SEMITISM FROM SOVIET POLITICS". PROTEST WAS PEACEFUL AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. DEMONSTRATORS DISTRIBUTED LEAFLET "BEWARE THE DYBBUK*". (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 4206)
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